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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

January 28, 2010

Beginning at 7:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 209

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1. **46 Allen Ave. –Beethoven Brook-NOI – DPW** Maintenance on clogged pipe was followed by excavation of stream channel, then placement of concrete blocks along sides of stream and rip-rap altered stream bank character;
2. **CSX Vegetation Management Plan RDA continued** – ROW spraying of herbicides in riverfront and buffer to bank of the Charles River, in bordering vegetated wetlands, and possibly floodzone, and in an area proximal to a public drinking water supply. Awaiting site visit to confirm wetland resource area(s);
3. **134 Vine St., RDA continued**– for plantings and alteration of vegetation in the 100 ft buffer to bordering vegetated wetland. Awaiting revised planting plan;
4. **Charles River Lower Falls Bridge (P40) – NOI** - Bridge conversion to pedestrian use & path construction. Continued for time to review information presented late;
5. **296 Islington Rd.** – OOC expired in 2002. As-built and certification letter received. OOC special condition #26 not met;
6. **296 Islington Rd. – RDA** – Second floor addition and expansion of roof area while “winterizing” screened porch in riverfront to the Charles River and within 100 ft buffer to bank;
7. **22 & 24 Pine St. & Auburndale Av., rear – RDA** – Determination of jurisdictional areas under the MA Wetlands Protection Act;
8. **36 Hyde Av. – NOI** – Demolition of garage, build new and larger garage closer to street, build addition and build deck, all in the 200 ft riverfront to Hyde Brook, and most of the work in the 100 ft buffer to bank. Landscaping/mitigation proposed to include removal of “invasives” and planting of natives
9. **79 Kingswood Rd.** – COC – Owner requests COC for work, although only a portion of the work was done, to include extension of deck and construction of wooden stairs from deck to lower portion of lot. Sewer hook-up and landscaping not completed.
10. **79 Kingswood Rd.** –RDA – Request negative determination for landscaping work not completed under (above) OOC.
11. **Scenic Roads** – Planning Department has suggested policy for Scenic Roads ordinance and seeks CC input and letter of recommendation.

Environmental Science Club – I. Wallach asked that an item be taken up to vote a salary increase for David Backer to match that of the increase in leader salaries, provided that fees collected are sufficient to cover it.

Conservation Commission

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**Violations --Updates:**

35 Kingswood Rd. – alteration of bank of Charles – restoration area planted with 20 new lowbush blueberry bushes. Will re-check spring of 2010;

15 Harwich Rd. –Violation –Have asked DEP to assist; nothing new.

34 Farwell St. – Violation – Received complaint; Assessor's check found new house and storage sheds since 2000/2001 with no permits. Buildings are in riverfront and partly on DCR property.

46 Farwell St. – Violation – Piles of wood chips were delivered, although not enough to do the complete path. A crew went out to spread the chips, but the piles have frozen solid.

Certificates of Compliance

214 Concord St. - As-built and certification letter received. Some changes, but increase in work area offset by removal of asphalt at side of house. Asked owner to come and discuss changes. Owner said he would come to 1-28-10 meeting.

64 Kingswood Rd. – OOC expired in 2006. As-built and certification letter received. Owner has now removed dock, although some brush piles of trimmed vegetation still on bank.

Announcements & General Business:

Management Plan – Dec. 11th meeting report.

Open Space Plan – considerations and member to work on committee and with Conservators?

Report on Hammond Pond Meeting - Anne

December 17th, 2009 Meeting Minutes for approval

Anne Phelps, Sr. Environmental Planner

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